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***Response to Amendment***

1. The reply filed on 9/23/04 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): For example, claim 8 contains the text “computer-readable medium” on line 2 of the claim, which was not in the claim as originally filed. If the text “computer-readable medium” is being added, then underline the text. Furthermore, claims 38-43 contain the text “computer-readable medium” on line 1 of the claims, which was not in the claims as originally filed. If the text “computer-readable medium” is being added, then **underline** the text. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

***Conclusion***

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication from the examiner should be directed to Qamrun Nahar whose telephone number is (571) 272-3730. The examiner can normally be reached on Mondays through Thursdays from 8:30 AM to 6:00 PM. The examiner can also be reached on alternate Fridays.

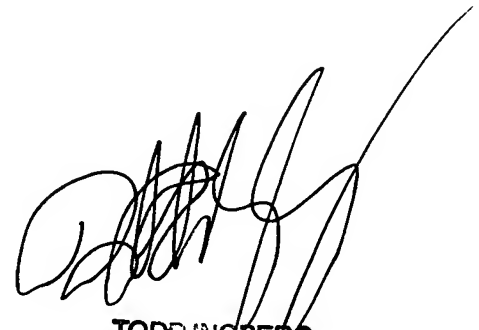
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner’s supervisor, Kakali Chaki, can be reached on (571) 272-3719. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or processing is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

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